



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **FEBRUARY 27, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montañó led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montañó
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos
Frank Bacio
Vito Cannella
Rita Hall
Carl E. Moore

Excused Absence

John A. Hammargren

Staff

Janice A. Davis, Commission Services Staff
Garen Khachian, Commission Services Staff
Andrew Sevrin, Commission Services Staff

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 20, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Bacio, and unanimously carried, the minutes of February 20, 2008 were approved, with the following changes:

- On page 4, under "Staff Report", change "Officers Kopp and Olmstead" to "*Deputy Kopp and Captain Olmstead*"...

- On page 5, under “Facility Inspection Reports” Hope House, change “satisfactory condition” to “*outstanding condition*”...

CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair Montaña reported on an article:

- “Shake-Up of O.C. Jails Is Proposed”, Los Angeles Times, February 15, 2008, regarding Sheriff Jack Anderson’s plan on replacing deputies with career correctional officers.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission’s Charitable Fund is \$1,118.23.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Janice Davis, Staff, Commission Services gave the following report:

- The 23rd Annual “Women of the Year” Awards Luncheon will be held on March 10, 2008 at the Biltmore Hotel. Invitations were mailed to the Commissioners.
- The 2007 Annual Report for the Sybil Brand Commission was delivered to the Board of Supervisors on February 19, 2008. Copies were distributed to the Commission.

CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATION OF LITIGATION

Jennifer Lehman, County Counsel, attended the closed session, and declared no reportable action needed.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were none.

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM FEBRUARY 20, 2008 TO FEBRUARY 26, 2008

Optimist Boys’ Home – 45, #2 - Commissioner Stathatos

The facility was visited on February 14, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Optimist Boys’ Home – 44, #3 – Commissioner Stathatos

The facility was visited on February 19, 2008, and found to be in outstanding condition.

Compton Courthouse – Commissioners Bacio, Hall and Moore

The facility was visited on February 21, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Two (2) windows need to be replaced in the Probation lockup area; needs Ladies’ Restroom for female inmates. In order for the female youth offenders to use the bathroom they have to use the Probation officers facility, which raises security concerns.

Greater Hope Society –25, #3 - Commissioner Montaña

The facility was visited on February 22, 2008, and home was closed down.

Fleming & Barne Dimondale Adolescent #1 – 21, #2 – Commissioner Montaña

The facility was visited on February 25, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Renaissance Unlimited #4 – 51, #1 - Commissioner Montaña

The facility was visited on February 26, 2008, and no one was home.

Torrance Courthouse – Commissioners Hall and Moore

The facility was visited on February 26, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff to draft a letter to Honorable Sheriff Baca regarding inspections conducted at the Long Beach, Pomona and West Covina Courthouses.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

Response from DCFS regarding Group Homes:

- HV Group Home
- Teens' Happy Home

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice A. Davis
Commission Services Division